

REMARKS

The present Response/Amendment is being filed following a telephone interview with the Examiner on April 15, 2008. During the interview, the Examiner, the inventor and the applicant's undersigned attorney reviewed the subject matter of the present application with respect to the cited Ehlers U.S. Patent No. 5,572,438. The applicant and the undersigned attorney appreciate and acknowledge the Examiner's willingness to conduct such an extensive interview.

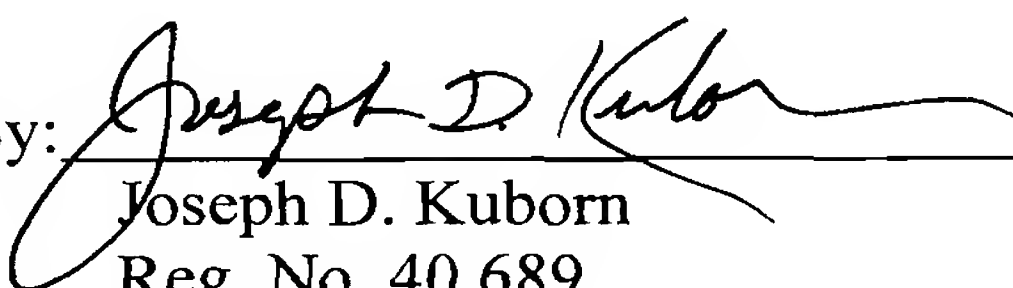
Following the initial interview, the Examiner conducted a second telephone interview with the applicant's undersigned attorney on April 18, 2008. During such telephone interview, the Examiner suggested claim amendments that could be made to the independent claims to define over the cited references. Included with this response are claim amendments that correspond to the suggestions made by the Examiner during the interview on April 18, 2008.

Based upon the Examiner's statements, the amendments to independent claims 1, 37, 38 and 42 should place these claims into consideration for allowance. The remaining claims 3-35 and 43-67 depend directly or indirectly from the independent claims. Thus, these claims are also believed to be in condition for allowance based upon the Examiner's comments.

The Examiner is invited to contact the applicant's undersigned attorney with any further questions or comments. Otherwise, the applicant hereby requests allowance of the application.

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